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e-Waste
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of e-waste generated in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(b) the corrective steps taken by the Government to curb the growth of e-waste generated in the country;
(c) the details of the schemes implemented, targets achieved and funds allocated in this regard during the said period;
(d) whether the Government has any proposal to implement Extended Producers" Responsibility in the country to curb the generation of e-waste; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) No systematic inventorisation of e-waste generation has been carried out in the country. However, the reported generation of e-waste by State Pollution Control Boards/ Pollution Control Committees within their State / Union Territory at different period is given at Annexure.

(b) Generation of e-waste is the natural outcome of use of electrical and electronic equipments when such equipments attain end-of-life. Accordingly, policies aim at disposal of e-waste in an environmentally sound manner.

(c) As per e-waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2011 the responsibility of disposal of e-waste in an environmentally sound manner is vested with the producers of electrical and electronic equipments and private enterprise is permitted to set up dismantling/ recycling units of e-waste along with the producers. There is no scheme in this Ministry for providing financial support for this purpose.

(d) & (e) Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) is already operational under e-waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011to ensure collection, dismantling, recycling and other steps for safe disposal of e-waste in the country. Producers are entrusted with the responsibility to finance and organize a system to meet the costs involved in complying with EPR. Under EPR, the Producers are required to set up collection centers /take back facility for channelizing the e-waste to registered dismantlers/recycler for environmentally sound dismantling and recycling. As on date one fifty one (151) Producer have been authorized in 11 States of the country.

To ensure better implementation of management of electronic waste, Ministry has published draft e-Waste (Management) Rules, 2015. The provisions of this Draft Rule include expanding producer's responsibility under Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), setting up of Producer Responsibility Organizations, and e-waste Exchange, assigning specific responsibility to bulk consumers of electronic products for safe disposal, providing for economic incentives for collection of electronic waste, and other measures to include dedicated responsibility of electronic and electrical product producers for collection and channelizing of electronic waste. Steps have also been taken for simplification in permission process for dismantling and recycling through one system of authorization instead of both registration and authorisation.

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